RAAA

...TAKEN A CHUNK OUT OF KOJIRO'S SIDE!

P-POSEIDON HAS EASILY...

PLIP

...IS A MERE MINNOW IN THE EYES OF THE TYRANT OF THE SEAS!

DRIP

DRIP

HUFF HUFF

PERHAPS EVEN SASAKI KOJIRO, HISTORY'S GREATEST LOSER...

PLIP

HEH

CHK

WOW!

CHK

...MY SIMULATION SO EASILY!

...I'M GOING TO BE

ZWI

HE BLEW PAST...

FWSH

...IS A GOD, HUH?

SO, THIS...

HO

RRAAAA!!

NO AMOUNT OF TRAINING IS EVER GONNA BE ENOUGH FOR HUMANS TO STAND UP TO A GOD!

GOD OF GODS! G-O-G!

WAAAAAR

YEAH!

GO, POSEIDON! THE GOD OF GODS!

...

G-O-G!

G-O-G!

G-O-G!

G-O-G!

G-O-G!

G-O-G!

G-O-G!

...

SWE

G...!

G.O.G.!

FL

IK

SSHH

HE'LL WIPE US OUT!

DON'T LOOK AT HIM!

SSHH

KEEP IT DOWN, YOU IDIOT!

...INTIMI-DATING!

POSEIDON IS SO INCRED-IBLY...

GA-SP?!

HMPH!

LOSERS!

HUSHH

SPSH

SPSH

CAN'T YOU JUST ACCEPT THE ADULATION OF YOUR PEERS?

C'MON, RELAX!

GODS DON'T RELY ON ANYONE ELSE.

GODS DON'T TEAM UP.

GODS DON'T SCHEME.

THAT IS HOW A GOD SHOULD BE.

PEERS...?

?

WE DON'T NEED PEERS...

WE'RE PERFECT FROM THE WORD GO.

...WHAT IT IS TO BE A GOD, EH?

SO THAT'S...

HEH

THAT SOUNDS...

...AWFULLY LONELY.

IWAAAA

WP

DIE!

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

KANG

Voom
CHIONE
TYRO
DEMETER!
HA
BA
BA
BA
BA
M
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O

POOM

HE'S GOING FOR IT! HE'S TRYING TO END THE BOUT RIGHT HERE!

POSEIDON'S DIVINE STRIKES RAIN DOWN LIKE A THUNDER-STORM!

THEY COULD BE DODGED IF IT WERE ONLY A MATTER OF SPEED!

WHAT A FLURRY OF BLOWS! THEY'RE SO FAST...!

...READ INTO THE SHALLOW END OF POSEIDON'S MIND.

BUT THAT HUMAN HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO...

...CAN FATHOM THE ABYSS THAT IS THE GOD OF THE SEAS.

NOT EVEN A FELLOW GOD...

...THAT HE COULD IS ABSURD.

FOR A HUMAN TO EVEN THINK...

KA KA KA KA KANG

C...

C'MON, KOJIRO!

...

NNNGH!

RIP

!!

HE'S EVOLVING WITH EACH AND EVERY PASS!

...AND THIS. I ALREADY SAW IT A FEW MOMENTS AGO.

KTAK

...THIS...

THUNK

THIS...

THIS IS...

SENJU MUSO! THE UNMATCHED ANTICIPATION OF A THOUSAND MOVES!

...ANTICI-PATING POSEIDON'S MOVES AGAIN?!

IMPOSSIBLE! IS THAT HUMAN...

SASAKI KOJIRO'S ABILITY...

...WAS ALREADY BEYOND
THAT OF A NORMAL HUMAN.

IT BORDERED ON DIVINE.

BUT
UNFORTUNATELY...

...HIS OPPONENT
WAS POSEIDON.

WHAT ...?!

FWSH

...CAME FROM A BLIND SPOT I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE!

THAT STRIKE...

BA BAM BAM BAM

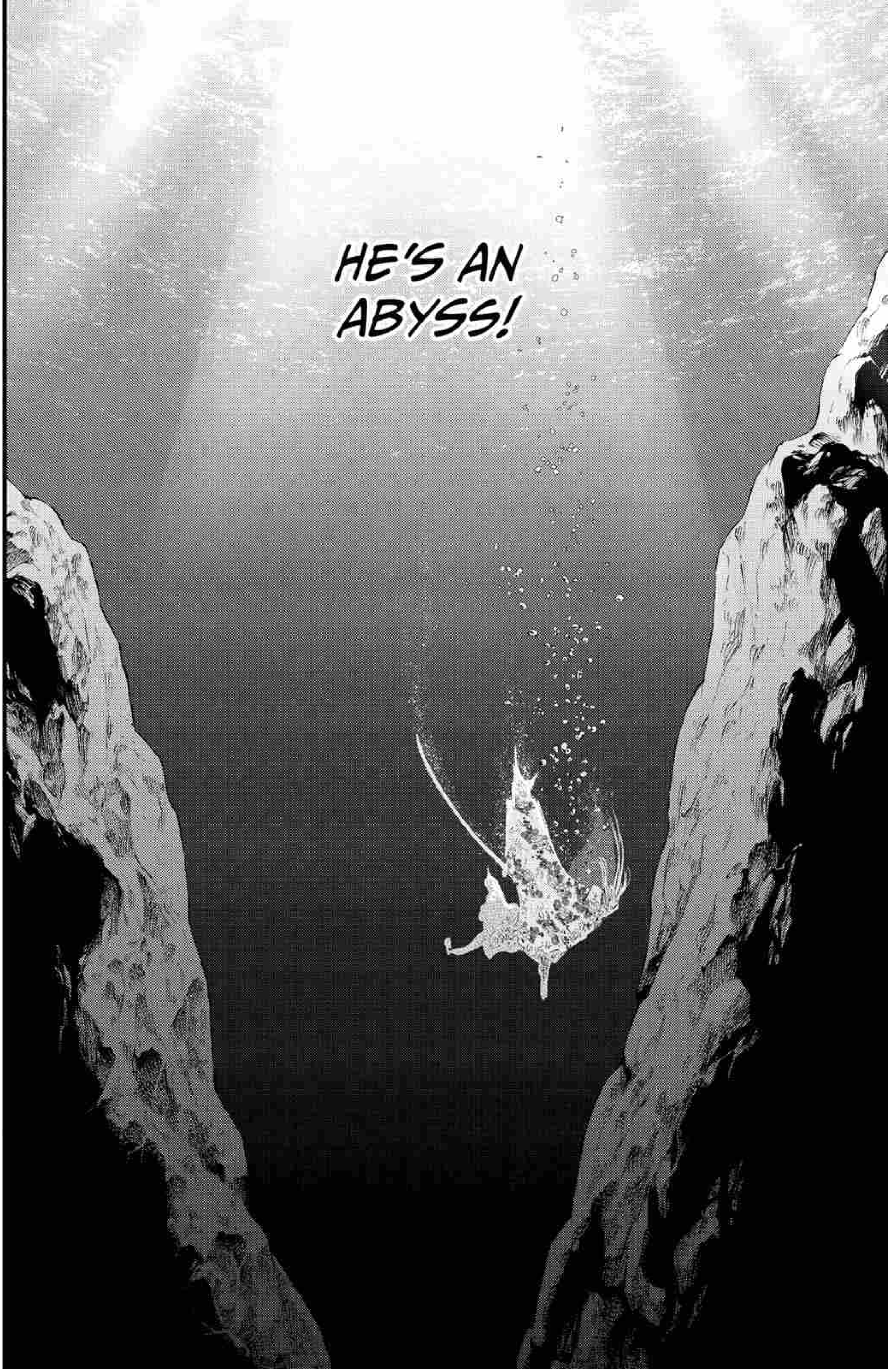
KLANG KLANG KLANG KLANG

HE'S FAST...

SO FAST! NO...!

...HE GETS FARTHER AWAY FROM ME.

EVERY TIME I GET CLOSE, EVERY TIME I THINK I HAVE HIM...


HE'S AN ABYSS!

...I WON'T GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT!

BW SH

BUT...

CHK

THERE IT IS!

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HMPH.
I'M NOT DONE YET!
ZSH

CHAK

DASH

HE RE-VERSED HIS GRIP!

WHOA!

ALMOST THERE!

TORAKIRI-
SECRET
GANRYU
TECHNIQUE!

FWP

WHP

NNGH!

SHF

KD
AK

...SHOULDN'T GET SO COCKY.

MOSQUITO LARVAE LIKE YOU...

HRIST!

KING

AAAA!

...BROKEN IN TWO!

SASAKI KOJIRO'S FAMED MONO-HOSHIZAO BLADE HAS BEEN...

OH... OH NO...

WHMP

...

IT'S OVER NOW.

...

NO!

THE MATCH WAS DECIDED.

HE NO LONGER STOOD ANY CHANCE.

KOJIRO HAD LOST HIS DIVINE WEAPON.

THAT THOUGHT FILLED EVERYONE'S MIND.

I...

SPSH

...CONCEDE.

...I'D LIKE TO SAY.

THAT'S WHAT...

FWIP

...

...I CAN'T.

BUT THIS TIME...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MUSASHI?

JUST LIKE AT GANRYU ISLAND.

9 A.M.
APRIL
13TH,
1612

NAGATO FUNASHIMA (LATER KNOWN AS GANRYU ISLAND)

KOJIRO SASAKI

ACCORDING TO THE *NITENKI*, THE ONLY WRITTEN RECORD OF WHAT TOOK PLACE THAT DAY...

THE FAMOUS DUEL AT GANRYU ISLAND.

GLARE

SPSH

SPSH

UPON SEEING MUSASHI, FRUSTRATED BY HIS LATE ARRIVAL, SASAKI KOJIRO TOSSED HIS SCABBARD INTO THE SEA.

MIYAMOTO MUSASHI ARRIVED TO THE DUEL LATE.

MIYAMOTO MUSASHI!

A WINNER WOULD NEVER DROP HIS SCABBARD!

KOJIRO! YOU MAY AS WELL HAVE JUST ADMITTED DEFEAT!

OR SO IT WAS SAID.

...AND IS MORE LEGEND THAN FACT.

HFF HFF

HFF HFF

HOWEVER, THE *NITENKI* WAS WRITTEN OVER A CENTURY AND A HALF AFTER THE DUEL...

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED...

RMM RMM RMM RMM

HFF HFF

HFF HFF

...HE'S UNBELIEVABLY STRONG...

MIYAMOTO MUSASHI! AS EXPECTED...

I CON-CEDE...

GRIP

IF I CONTINUE THIS DUEL, I WILL SURELY DIE. PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO CALL IT QUITS.

I'M NO MATCH FOR HIM.

BUT...

I CAN'T DO THAT, NOW CAN I?

FWP

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY.

SPL ASH

THIS IS TOO MUCH FUN!

HAH

IF I QUIT NOW, I'LL REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

SHWF

SASAKI...

REGRET IT FOR LIFE...?

FUN...?

WHP

DID I JUST HEAR THAT FROM A SWORDSMAN PREPARING TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH...?

HAGS

IT WOULD BE AN HONOR!

...TO OUR HEARTS' CONTENT!

LET'S KILL EACH OTHER ...

...A FEW MINUTES.

THE DUEL LASTED ONLY...

KIAI GG

...KNOWN ONLY BY THESE TWO MEN.

A TRUTH...

KA

AK

A MAN...

...TAUGHT BY NATURE, WHO HAD A LOVE FOR THE SWORD.

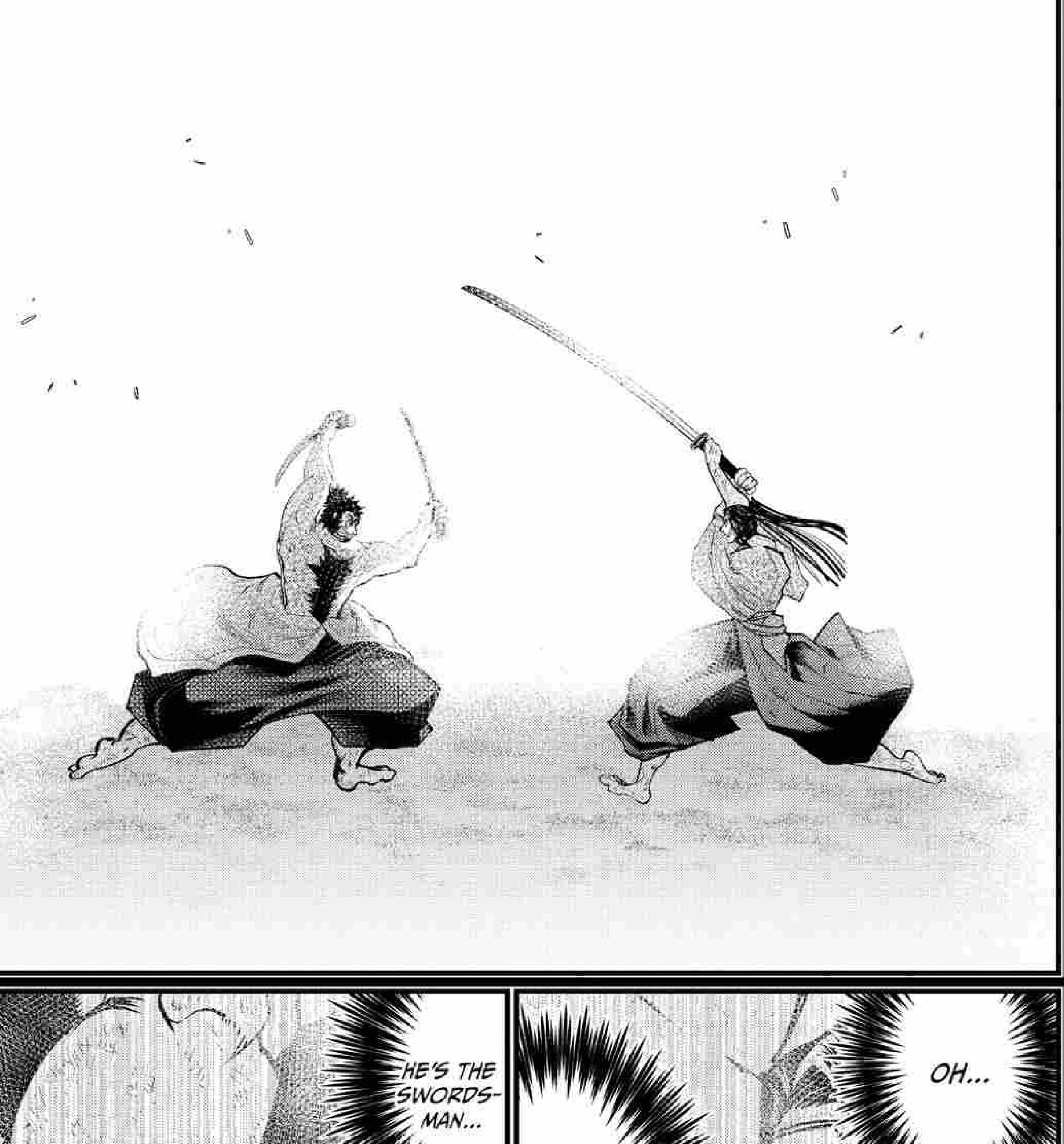
AND A MAN WHO...

...HAD CHOSEN A LONELY PATH IN ORDER TO BECOME PEERLESS UNDER THE HEAVENS.

TSUBAME-GAESHI.

WHI

SH


HE'S THE SWORDS-MAN...
...I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
THIS IS AMAZING!
OH...

SLIP

AHH...

SO, THIS IS IT FOR ME.

CHOK

...WE COULD HAVE HAD MORE FIGHTS TO THE DEATH.

I WISH...

SPLOOOSH

I WISH...

ZSH ZSH

IT WAS...

SWSS——S

...THE MOST INTENSE AND EXHILARATING MOMENT OF BOTH THEIR LIVES.

ZWSH

SWSSH

FWOO

MUSASHI...

PLIP

PLIP

PLIP

HEY, MR. GOD OF THE SEAS...

TMP

...ASK YOU SOMETHING?

TMP

CAN I...

HAVE YOU EVER...

TMP

...

TMP

...

...BEEN PRACTICING YOUR SWING...

...AND REALIZED THAT DAWN HAD ALREADY BROKEN?

...?

TMP

...FOR THOSE WHO HELPED YOU BECOME STRONGER?

HAVE YOU EVER SHED A TEAR OF GRATITUDE...

HAVE YOU EVER...

...FELT A CLOSE KINSHIP WITH SOMEONE YOU FOUGHT TO THE DEATH?

WW

OH

KCHK

I'M SORRY I ASKED.

OH, FORGET IT.

...

THERE'S NO WAY *YOU* EVER HAVE.

GRIN

THIS...

...

CHHK

THIS SWORD...

VEE N

...HOLDS THE HISTORY OF...

...THE HEARTS OF FOOLISH MEN.

SK

WCH

I CAN'T LOSE TO SOME-ONE...

...WHO'S NEVER BORNE ANY SPIRIT BUT HIS OWN!

KIN

KE

LIGHT IS SHINING FROM KOJIRO'S BROKEN BLADE, MONO-HOSHIZAO!

W-WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?!

WAAA

SASAKIIII!

FIRE!!

WH

AH

DO

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DO

OM

DO

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RE-
VOLUND!

天
TEN
GEN
流
RYU

佐々木小次郎 二天流

SASAKI KOJIRO NITEN GANRYU

WAAAAA

HERE I COME.

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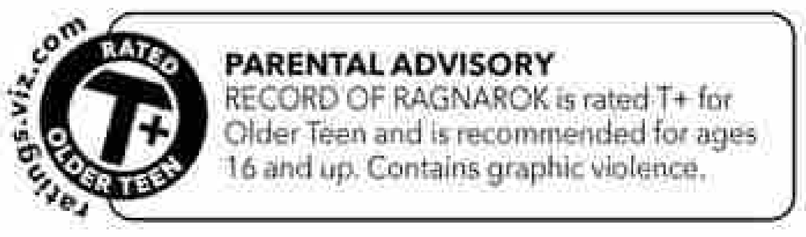
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